

which will not be easy to emulate yet will give us something to which we can strive. For that JAKE, we will always be grateful. Best wishes in all of the pursuits and endeavors which are still awaiting you.

REGARDING INTERFERENCE OF  
EUROPEAN COMMISSION IN  
MERGER OF BOEING CO. AND  
MCDONNELL DOUGLAS

SPEECH OF

**HON. JANE HARMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 22, 1997*

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express deep concern about the future of American aerospace industry in light of the European Union's inappropriate and unfounded reaction to the Boeing-McDonnell Douglas merger.

The EU threatens to interfere with this merger on the grounds that it impinges on fair trade. They have stated their intent to do this even after Boeing offered numerous concessions, including modification of exclusive purchasing arrangements with several American carriers.

There are persistent rumors that the EU is demanding other concessions as well, including closing of aircraft plants and requiring Boeing to put McDonnell Douglas' commercial segment on the market. Giving in to such conditions could cost thousands of U.S. jobs—many of them in southern California—adversely affect the efficiency of the industry, and set a disastrous precedent.

Free and fair trade is a cornerstone of our relations with Europe, but the EU's threatened actions contribute little to either and we ought to resist them. Their demands in this case are clearly unreasonable and an infringement upon U.S. sovereignty.

This merger will not result in unfair trade practices as the EU contends. McDonnell Douglas' commercial aviation accounts for only 4 percent of the global market. In fact, the Federal Trade Commission's review of the merger determined that McDonnell Douglas was not a factor in the commercial aviation market.

The likelihood that this merger will somehow limit competition is nonexistent. And, Boeing's offer to substantially modify its arrangements with American carriers seems to more than make up for any advantage it might theoretically gain from its acquisition of McDonnell Douglas.

EU interference in the merger is unwarranted, and, if allowed to continue, is likely to redound with far reaching and adverse effects for all concerned. Therefore, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution, and I urge the President to deal with the EU promptly and resolutely and defend the rights of American business to consummate mergers that have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate U.S. Government agencies.

TRIBUTE TO HAM FISH

**HON. AMO HOUGHTON**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 23, 1997*

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, there are few indispensable people. Ham Fish was one of them. He gave something to this House, his country that was unique and powerful. We miss Ham.

IN RECOGNITION OF FORMER  
CONGRESSMAN HAM FISH

**HON. SUE W. KELLY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 23, 1997*

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, today marks the first anniversary of the death of New York's Congressman Hamilton Fish. For many years, Ham Fish represented the people of New York's Hudson Valley with dedication and integrity. It is now my honor and privilege to represent that congressional district here in the House.

Ham was one of the giants of this great legislative body. His was a voice of reason through tumultuous times in our Nation and at all times on the people's House; he served us with integrity and honor. In his long and distinguished service on the House Judiciary Committee, Ham Fish's name was synonymous with justice and fair play for all Americans. While carefully looking after the needs of the people of the Hudson Valley, who repeatedly returned him to Congress, Ham Fish gained national recognition for his principled positions and his determination to protect the integrity of our Republican institutions.

Mr. Speaker, Ham Fish embodied all that is good and great about this House. Today, on the anniversary of his death, I ask that we honor his memory by living up to the high principles and unquestioned integrity which are the legacy of his service to us and to the American people.

A TRIBUTE TO FLOYD D. HISER,  
SR.

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 23, 1997*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the fearless and selfless efforts of a dedicated helicopter pilot from the city of Blyth, CA. Floyd D. Hiser, 51, recently lost his life when his Bell 206L-1 engine stalled while fighting an out-of-control blaze in the San Bernardino National Forest on July 6, 1997.

The fire charred over 2,797 acres of trees and brush, and was threatening the terrain above the city of Highland, CA. On the scene, there were 903 firefighters and officials accompanied by tankers and helicopters battling to put out the blaze. Floyd Hiser, a pilot with over 10,000 hours of flight time, was flying for Rogers Helicopters of Clovis, when he was called to battle the fires in the rugged terrain of the San Bernardino Mountains.

Hiser held commercial, instrument, and instructor ratings for fixed-winged and rotary-winged aircraft and was an FAA-certified flight examiner for prospective helicopter pilots. His commitment to the protection and safety of his community did not stop with flying. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1964 to 1968, and was also a Vietnam veteran. He also served in the Blyth Police Department as a sergeant and detective from 1969 to 1979.

Hiser is survived by wife, Sharon; his daughter, Kimberly; his mother, Ruby Faye; his stepmother, Ruth Wadlow; his brother, Loyld; and four grandchildren. After a moving ceremony, his flag-draped coffin was carried out of the church by a color guard, the last two members of which carried red fire axes to remember his efforts.

"Floyd could put the drops on the leaves that he wanted hit," said one of his many friends. Floyd died doing what he loved most, and what he believed in: piloting a helicopter and protecting people from a wildland fire.

Mr. Speaker, Floyd Hiser provided an example of leadership and the ultimate level of sacrifice for the benefit of his friends, family, and the communities he protected. His efforts will long be respected and admired. I ask that you join me, our colleagues, and hundreds of people who knew and loved Floyd, and to recognize him for his lifetime commitment to the protection and goodwill of the communities he served.

THE CONGRESS ACCORDING TO  
KESSLER?

**HON. BOB LIVINGSTON**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 23, 1997*

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in defense of this most noble of democratic institutions and the Members who occupy it.

Mr. Ronald Kessler has written a book entitled "Inside Congress," the premise of which is that we, the elected representatives who hold seats in this Congress are nothing but scoundrels, criminals, and charlatans.

Mr. Speaker, not only do I rise in total disagreement with Mr. Kessler's cynicism, but I strongly maintain that the people who serve here are, for the most part, good, decent, honest, hard-working, patriotic Americans.

In support of my position, I submit into the RECORD an article I wrote which appeared in the newspaper "The Chronicle" of Colfax, LA.

It is my hope that the American people will see through Mr. Kessler's sensationalism and realize that the overwhelming majority of the Representatives, Senators, and staff are truly worthy of their trust.

THE CONGRESS ACCORDING TO KESSLER?

(By U.S. Rep. Bob Livingston)

In Ron Kessler's tell-all book, "Inside Congress," only true charlatans, perverts and power-mad political hucksters are worthy of note. Sadly, that pretty much encompasses every member of the House and Senate for in Mr. Kessler's view, we're all rotten.

Fortunately, Mr. Kessler himself spared me from buying his book. After seeing him on "Good Morning America" last week, I learned everything I need to know about it. The people who inhabit Mr. Kessler's Congress come straight out of a B movie. In fact, Kessler said that the television talk shows